Calling Data from M/s. Merind

3083. SHRI R. S. NAIK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 668 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) when did Government call for the data from M/s. Merind and what is the response from the company;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company gave undertaking to Delhi High Court and maintained by Supreme Court;

(c) if so, what are the details of undertaking;

(d) whether Supreme Court gave direction to M/s. Merind to provide data within a stipulated period;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government reported to Supreme Court about failure on the part of M/s. Merind to provide data;

(g) if so, when and if not the reasons therefor;

(h) what did M/s. Merind filed petition against price fixation of Dexamethasone formulations and what was the price index for each formulation; and

(i) what is the name of producer on whose data the price of Betamethasone and its salts have been increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) For determining its liability for the period after 1.1.84, the Company was asked vide letter dated 25-10-90 to make available the requisite data which it has not made available so far.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In terms of the undertaking given by the Company to Delhi High Court, as later on confirmed by the Supreme Court, the company was, *inter alia*, required to deposit the difference in the prices of the formulations in question for being ultimately deposited in the Drug Price Equalisation Account.

(d) to (g) In view of non-availability of complete data from the Company, its liability has been tentatively computed on the basis of data available with the Government, and communicated to it.

(h) and (i) The information will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Final notice to the producer of Combiflam

3084. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 674 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) when was final notice issued to the producer of Combiflam for deposit of overcharged amount of Rs. 7.11 crores assessed;

(b) when Government have given any time for deposit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) when the assessment was completed and when the same was communicated to company;

(e) whether Government have sent any notice for interest on due amount;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) what steps Government have taken to obtain details for the period January, 1989 to August, 1989; and

(h) what are the names of formulatiions for which the producer did not obtain price approval after crossing the sales turn over limit of Rupees fifty lacs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) The company has been issued final notice in October, 1991